

# **Cultural Studies for Summer Youth Program**

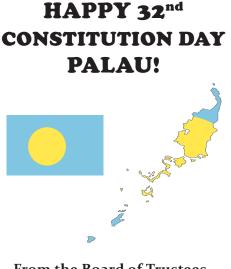


Summer Youth Program participants learning how to make a bamboo raft.



Summer Youth Program participants learning how to build a fish trap.

The summer program organized by the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) is promoting cultural appreciation in young Palauans by providing hands-on experiences, such as building bamboo rafts and learning traditional chanting. Over the summer, the youth will be exposed to cultural practices providing an understanding of Palauan culture in light of today's difference in culture. As western practices slowly creep in to replace traditions, this program aims to instill a feeling of value for the cultural practices still evident in Palau.



From the Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Palau Community College

The Board of Trustees, President, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Palau Community College would like to wish the US Embassy, U.S. Civic Action Team (CAT), and all American citizens on island a...



Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

# **Accreditations Basics Online Course**



(left to right): Keith Ignacio, Akiko Udui, Debra Ngiraingas, and Hellen Imanuel

Larry Wakakoro

In June, staff members of the Upward Bound Program passed an accreditation online course. Keith Ingnacio, Akiko B. Udui, Debra Ngiraingas, Larry Wakakoro and Hellen Imanuel successfully passed the Accreditation Basics online course offered by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). All five staff members have received their certificates of completion. Palau Community College (PCC) would like to congratulate the Upward Bound staff members and the program director, Kuye Belelai, for this achievement.

Vice presidents, deans, directors, managers, and supervisors of PCC are tasked to encourage their staff to complete the Accreditation Basics online course. The Accreditation Basics course is an online course that offers a comprehensive overview of higher education accreditation in the United States. The course provides participants with a thorough understanding of the ACCJC Accreditation Standards and Principles. More information can be found at <u>www.accjc.org</u>.

# PCC Students in Belau Games

Belau Games organized by the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC) began on Monday, July 01, 2013. Occurring every two years, the Belau Games encourages the participation of young people in various sports. Included in the sports activities is archery, paddling, basketball, wrestling, and volleyball. Belau Games aims to improve the athletic skills of youths in the islands. The improvement will increase the capability of island athletes to compete in international competitions such as the South Pacific Mini-Games and the World Olympics. The event also triggers a community-wide participation encouraging young people to stay on a healthy track. Palau Community College (PCC) would like to wish each athlete the best of luck, especially the PCC students and staff participating in the games. Belau Games, continued on Page 3

# **Revisiting the Past**

contributed by Roland Merar

On June 28, 2013, PCC students enrolled in HI-189: Palau History and Culture went on a field trip to Ulong Island as a part of their extended classroom enrichment. The students were able to explore the rock islands and visited historical sites. One of the highlight of this field trip was exploring the site where Captain Wilson, an English sea captain of a ship called *Antelope*, crashed on the reef of Ulong Island on August 9, 1783. This event marked the historical record of the first foreign encounter in Palau contributing to social changes that have had major impacts on the traditions and culture of the islands.

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# Announcement to the Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

Honorable Robert Ruecho, the Consul-General for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in Guam, invites all FSM Citizens to a special meeting on July 13, 2013 (Saturday). The meeting will begin at 1:00PM at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. All citizens of FSM are invited.

FSM CITIZENS MEETING PCC ASSEMBLY HALL 1:00PM SATURDAY (JULY 13, 2013)

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### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### **Hours of Operation**

Effective Immediately thru July 24, 2013 (summer only):

Monday to Friday	7:30AM to 7PM
Saturday	9AM to 6PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information call 488-3540.

# ACADEMIC LEADER NEWSLETTER



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### Youth Trekkers Wanted

### **6TH YOUTH TREKKERS CAMPAIGN**

Individuals (18-30 years old) who want to join the campaign sponsored by the Republic of China can obtain application forms and information at the Dean of Students Office at Palau Community College.

DEADLINE: JULY 14, 2013

### **News/Stories Wanted**

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to **dilubchs@palau.edu** and **tchuziet@gmail. com**.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251,

252, and 253) for more information.

# Belau Games CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The following are only a few of the PCC students participating in this year's Belau Games:



Kyle Kyota (Palau) Airai State Basketball, Fast Pitch



Ashtin Henry (Palau) Ngerchelong State Volleyball, Weight-lifting





Joseph Mangarfir (Yap) Ngatpang State Volleyball



Maynard Solomon (Pohnpei) Hatohobei State Basketball, Volleyball



T-One Ozzy (Chuuk) Peleliu State Volleyball



Joshua Mongkeya (Kosrae) Ngatpang State Baseball



HI-189 class exploring Ulong Island.

Students were ambitious and determined to explore the entire island. They were able to explore traditional sites such as the cave, stone paths, clay potteries, pictograph, water-well; and examine domesticated plants such as bananas, papayas, and taro. The students were amazed by the natural wonders and quietness of the island that they could have felt the spirits of their ancestors illuminating their minds. They were fortunate to witness another aspect of Palau's culture as they observed the newly hatched sea turtles exiting their nest and heading out to the sea.

The PCC HI-189 students extends their appreciation to the Honorable Governor Yositaka Adachi, Koror State Government, Mr. Robert Ramarui, interim Dean of the Academic Affairs, and his staff as well as Mr. Clement Kazuma, for their support which contributed to the success of this field trip.

## ALUMNI NOTES

#### DANIELLE DACHELBAI (Class of 2012)

Associate of Applied Science - Tourism & Hospitality: Food and Beverage

"Believe in yourself! It's never too late to try again."



She graduated in 2012 with an AAS degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Food and Beverage. Currently, she works as a cook at the PCC Cafeteria.

ILIMA KLOULCHAD (Class of 2007) Associate of Science - Hospitality Management

"Pursuing a higher education will get you into a better career and future."



She graduated from PCC with an AS degree in Hospitality Management. For the past two years, she has been working as an English teacher at Palau High School (PHS).

PERRY HIDEOS (Class of 1995) Certification - Carpentry

"Work, work, HARD!"



He graduated from MOC in 1995 with a certification for carpentry. For the past ten years he has been the Construction Technology teacher of Palau High School (PHS).

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**ALUMNI NOTES** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, and 253).

We would like to feature you in future Mesekíu's News issues.

# **Library Receives Book Donations**

The Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library received a donation of books on June 28, 2013. Omakbeluu Ueki, a recent graduate of Palau Mission Academy (PMA), donated fifteen books to the library. His generous contribution will add a wider reading selection to the bookshelves of the library. PCC Library would like to thank Omak for his generous donation!



PCC staff member receiving donation from Omak Ueki.

### \*Message of Thanks\*

"I would very much want to express my deepest appreciation to President Tellei, Palau Community College faculty and staff for their generous contribution during my time of need. Their thoughtfulness will remain with me always. Kom kmal mesaul!"

~ Midori Mersai

# **<u>Celebrating Birthdays</u>**

Johnson Joshua Sheree Sengebau Sesario Sewralur



# Vacancy Announcement

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** 

- Federal Work-Study Coordinator (Office of Admissions & Financial Aid) Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) English Instructor (Learning Resource Center) Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Accounting Technician, General(Administration Department-Business Office) Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954.00 per annum
- (4) Math Instructor (Learning Resource Center) Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) Librarian (Tan Siu Lin PCC Library) Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

(6) Dean of Academic Affairs (Academic Affairs Office)

Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum

- (7) Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructor (Academic Affairs) Salary range: \$16,010.00 - \$21,191.00 per annum
- (8) Public Relations Manager (Development Office) Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

(9) Security Service Officer (Administration Department)

Salary range: \$6,709.00 - 11,475.00 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, extension 227.

E-mail hr@www.palau.edu or download form at <u>http://www.palau.edu</u>

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